GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF HANDICRAFT SECTOR
Baxla Shri Joachim

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for expansion of handicraft sector in the different parts of the country particularly in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of programmes formulated so far and financial allocation made during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)to(d): The steps being taken by the Government for expansion of handicraft sector include implementation of various schemes for promotion and development of handicrafts in the country including the state of West Bengal. These schemes are Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of craft clusters; Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research and Development; Bima Yojana; workshed & Special Handicrafts Training Project (SHTP). The Government is of the view that these schemes are adequate for the present.

The details of financial allocation made under these schemes during 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as under:-

(Rs. In cores)

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme	2004-05 Allocation	2005-06 Allocation
1.	Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY)	23.5	29.40
2.	Design & Tech. Upgradation.	16.65	19.00
3.	Marketing Support and Services	18.45	19.00
4.	Export Promotion	14.35	12.60
5.	Training & extension including SHTP	3.90	5.20
6.	Bima Yojana	0.62	3.10
7	Workshed	-	1.30
8.	Research & Development	2.00	3.30